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SUBJECT: MILES TRAVELED BY ORVR VEHICLES IN CALIFORNIA

The percentage of miles traveled in California by vehicles equipped with Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) systems was projected for 2008 and for future years. The ORVR system captures the gasoline vapors that are displaced when gasoline is dispensed to the vehicle tank and stores those vapors in a canister filled with activated carbon. When the vehicle engine is started, gasoline vapors stored on the carbon are purged and burned in the engine. The ORVR system was first installed on some passenger vehicle models in 1998. As shown in Figure 1, the ORVR vehicle miles will increase to about 94 percent by 2020.

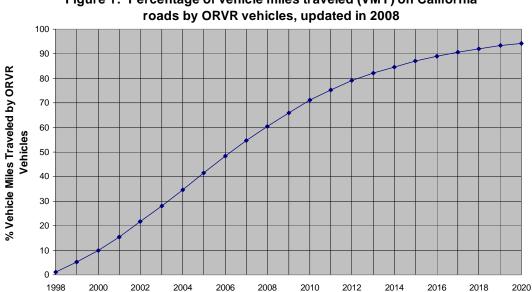


Figure 1: Percentage of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) on California

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The data for Figure 1 is provided in Table 1. In 2008, the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for each of the on-road vehicle classifications that are mandated to have ORVR systems, was projected with ARB's Emission Factors (EMFAC) 2007 model, version 2.3, released November 1, 2006. These vehicle classifications include passenger cars, light duty trucks, medium duty vehicles, and light heavy duty trucks.

Table 1: Percent of miles traveled by ORVR vehicles on California roads

	ORVR vehicle		
Calendar	miles traveled		
Year	(VMT) as a percent of total VMT		
1998	1		
1999	5		
2000	10		
2001	15		
2002	22		
2003	28		
2004	35		
2005	41		
2006	48		
2007	55		
2008	60		
2009	66		
2010	71		
2011	75		
2012	79		
2013	82		
2014	85		
2015	87		
2016	89		
2017	91		
2018	92		
2019	93		
2020	94		

The data and assumptions used in calculating the percent of miles traveled by ORVR vehicles on California roads are outlined below:

1. The percentage of ORVR vehicle miles traveled on California roads by vehicle model year was assumed to reflect the federally mandated phase-in schedule for ORVR vehicles. Table 2 is that phase-in schedule for each vehicle category. The

California Code of Regulations (CCR)¹ includes the same phase-in schedule for passenger cars, light duty trucks, and medium duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) ≤ 8,500 lbs, as does federal law. However, only federal law requires ORVR for vehicles with a GVWR between 8,501 and 10,000 lbs.

Table 2: Federally mandated phase-in schedule for ORVR vehicles

Vehicle Category	Non-ORVR Vehicles	40% ORVR	80% ORVR	100% ORVR
Passenger Cars	≤ 1997	1998	1999	≥ 2000
Light Duty Trucks, ≤ 6000 lbs. gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)	≤ 2000	2001	2002	≥ 2003
Medium Duty Vehicles, Light Heavy Duty Trucks, 6000 – 10,000 lbs GVWR	≤ 2003	2004	2005	≥ 2006

Source: U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, Part 86

2. The fraction of ORVR vehicle miles traveled on California roads was determined as a percentage of the miles traveled by all on-road vehicles for which Phase II vapor recovery systems are effective to reduce emissions. State law requires that all on-road gasoline-powered vehicles with the exception of motorcycles be equipped with a uniformly configured fillpipe² so that refueling vapors are effectively captured by the Phase II vapor recovery systems installed at gasoline dispensing facilities. Heavy duty vehicles that have a GVWR greater than 10,000 lbs are not required to be equipped with ORVR, but have uniformly configured fillpipes so that refueling vapors are controlled by Phase II vapor recovery systems. In 2008, the VMT for all gasoline-powered on-road vehicles with fillpipes configured for Phase II vapor recovery was distributed among the following vehicle categories:

Passenger Cars 52% Light Duty Trucks 35 % Medium Duty and Light Heavy Duty Vehicles with GVWR \leq 10,000 lbs 12 % Non-ORVR Heavy Duty Vehicles with GVWR > 10,000 lbs 1 %

3. ORVR penetration in 2008 was calculated for each ORVR vehicle category and model year by applying the fraction of ORVR penetration by vehicle category and model year in Table 2 to the fraction of the total vehicle miles traveled for each

² California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 13, Section 2235.

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¹ California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 13, Section 1978.

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vehicle category and model year in 2008. The profile of ORVR vehicle miles traveled for each vehicle category and model year in 2008 was then applied to forecast ORVR penetration for future years and to back cast ORVR penetration for past years. This forecasting method does not include any projected changes in buying and driving habits, nor does it include any change in the projected impact of programs to remove older vehicles or encourage use of electric, hybrid, or alternate fuel vehicles.

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